

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-11, and 22 are pending in this application, with Claim 1 being the sole independent claim.

Claim 1 has been amended. Applicant submits that support for the amendments can be found in the original disclosure, for example, at least in paragraphs [0048] and [0049] of the published application (US 2005/0091497 A1). Therefore, Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, -8, 10, 11 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0184539 to *Fukuda et al.* Claims 5 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fukuda et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,968,058 to *Kondoh et al.* Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the reasons discussed below.

As recited in independent Claim 1, the present invention is directed to an imaging apparatus having an authentication unit with a first authentication mode where the unit authenticates, using first authentication data, whether first image data generated by an image data generating unit has been altered, and a second authentication mode where the unit authenticates, using second authentication data received from an external device, whether second image data received from the external device has been altered. The apparatus also includes, *inter alia*, the feature of a display unit that (a) displays information indicating that the first image data was generated by the imaging apparatus, if the authentication unit authenticates whether the first

image data has been altered, and (b) displays information indicating that the second image data was not generated by the imaging apparatus, if the authentication unit authenticates whether the second image data has been altered. With these features, the apparatus of Claim 1 not only operates in different authentication modes, which can authenticate image data that is either generated by the apparatus or received from an external device, but the apparatus also displays information indicating whether the image data was generated by the apparatus or was not generated by the apparatus, depending on the authentication mode.

Applicant submits that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-mentioned features of Claim 1. In particular, Applicant submits that *Fukuda et al.* fails to teach or suggest at least the display unit recited in Claim 1. The other art is not understood to remedy this deficiency. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the invention recited in independent Claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

The dependent claims are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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